(b) whether these weapons are sold illegally by the security forces to criminals or anti-social elements; and

(c) the number of such cases surfaced during the year 2005-06 and the action taken in such cases alongwith the number of those penalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per information available from the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, proper records are maintained with regard to weapons seized/recovered by the Security Forces.

(b) The State Government of Jammu & Kashmir has reported that only one case took place in 2004 involving a Head Constable and a Special Police Officer. The case has been challaned in the court of law and both the accused persons are in jail now.

(c) No such case has been reported in 2005-06.

Review of CRF/NCCF norms

*598. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Twelfth Finance Commission has notified the Calamity Relief Fund/National Calamity Contingency Fund for the period 2005-06 to 2009-10;

(b) whether Government have constituted an Expert Group to review the relief norms of CRF/NCCF;

(c) whether the Expert Group has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken on the recommendations/suggestions made by the Expert Group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Expert Group has recommended revision of items and norms of assistance under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

(e) A proposal based on the recommendations of the Expert Group has been submitted for consideration of the High Level Committee. Further action in this regard will be taken after the proposal has been considered by the High Level Committee.

Security by Government

†*599. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the country who though not holding any official positions are being provided security by Government at present;

(b) the amount being spent by Government on this security;

(c) whether Government conduct periodical review for providing such security; and

(d) if so, in respect of which persons such reviews were made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There are at present 171 central protectees, who though not holding any official position, have been provided security on the basis of threat perception for them.

(b) In veiw of the multiplicity of agencies involved and their roles and functions in providing security, it is not possible to estimate the amount being spent by the Government in this regard.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The security provided to all central protectees is regularly reviewed, generally twice in a year, by two high level committees whereby the security need is assessed as per the fresh threat perception for them, based on which the security to individuals is enhanced, reduced or withdrawn, as the case may be.

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